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TO: Tobacco Industry Technical Committee  
FROM: F. J. Schultz, Chairman  
SUBJECT: Meeting of October 2, 1990

The committee met in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on October 2, 1990. In attendance were the following:

Fred Schultz	Lorillard
Brenda T. Hodge	RJR
Larry Lyerly	RJR
Jim Nall	B&W
Bill Kuhn	Philip Morris
Ed Wickham	Philip Morris
Roy C. Hilliard	Liggett Group
John Wagner	Lorillard
Byron Price	American
William Steele	TITL

Bill Steele opened the meeting with a report of the operations of the Tobacco Institute Testing Laboratory over the past year. Operation was generally satisfactory, but not without several mechanical failures in this time period. Bill reported that he expected to finish Market Sample No. 33 in about February 1991 and would immediately begin work on Market Sample No. 34.

Sample storage and conditioning space is becoming a serious problem to TITL because of the rapidly expanding list of brands to be tested. Dr. Steele estimates the number to now be in the neighborhood of 350. In order to alleviate this problem, at least in the short term, the committee authorized Dr. Steele to discontinue running the old nicotine distillation method and remove the Griffith Still apparatus. Further, the committee authorized the expansion of the present conditioned storage room. The cost of this expansion will be reflected in the revised budget to be presented shortly.

As a longer term solution to the brand proliferation problem, it was agreed that each member would confer with the appropriate parties in their respective companies about possible ways of limiting the number of brands to be tested. Each member is to

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convey the results of these discussions to the chairman for consolidation and scheduling a future meeting on this subject if necessary.

The results of Interlaboratory Study No. 5 were considered in conjunction with the previous four studies. It was concluded that the most probable correct "Tar" value for the Industry Monitor #13 is 17.3 mg. TITL will work to bring its results in line with this value.

Since the #13 Monitor is expected to be depleted during 1991, each member is to inventory his supply and communicate his expected depletion date to Bill Kuhn. Philip Morris has agreed to produce the #14 Monitor at the same 17.3 mg target value when required.

The committee authorized Dr. Steele to dispose of the two obsolete Phipps & Bird smoking machines in the most expeditious manner since they were judged to be of no use to TITL or anyone else.

Larry Lyerly announced that he would be leaving the committee and that he would be replaced by Brenda T. Hodge. The committee expresses its appreciation to Larry for his many years of service and looks forward to working with Brenda.

I have agreed to continue to chair this committee for one more year. At our meeting next year, we will choose a new leader.

Very truly yours,

  
F. J. Schultz, Chairman

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